



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. CELL-055CIP/106482.206)

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In re Application of:

RIVIERE et al.

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) Examiner: J. Fredman
) Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 08/252,710

Filed: June 02, 1994

For: RETROVIRAL GENE THERAPY
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METHOD BASED THEREON

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AMENDMENT AND FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in the above-referenced application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). This request is proper, because as of June 8, 1995, the present application had effectively been pending for at least two years, and this request is being made prior to the Applicants' filing of an Appeal Brief, and prior to the abandonment of the above-identified application. Accordingly, the finality of the rejection dated November 7, 1997 in the above-referenced case should be withdrawn, and an action on the merits of the present newly submitted amendments and remarks should be forwarded to Applicants.